



State of New Jersey

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Department of Environmental Protection

Robert C. Shinn, Jr.
Commissioner

Mr. Stephen Cipit
Remedial Project Manager
USEPA Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007-1866

OCT 12 1999

Dear Mr. Cipit:

Re: L.E. Carpenter Superfund Site
Wharton, Morris County

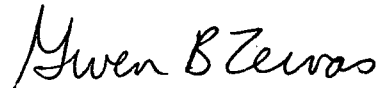
The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is in receipt of your letter dated September 22, 1999 regarding the Further Off-Site Groundwater Investigation at MW-19/Hot Spot 1 Work Plan. The Department did not forward EPA's comments to the Responsible Party for the following reasons:

1. This comment requested that the proposed well locations be changed. The Department believes that the proposed locations are appropriate and are expected to delineate the extent of the plume.
2. This comment requested that cluster wells be installed with deeper screened intervals. Once the contamination is delineated, if Department believes deeper wells are required for vertical delineation, the Responsible Party will be requested to install these additional wells.
3. The Department decided not to require low-flow sampling because of the concern that contamination may be missed using this method and it was never employed in any of the other sampling rounds.
4. If there is a problem in delineating the contaminant plume, the Department will request that the Responsible Party review the as built drawings for the water and sewer lines to determine if the backfill for these lines provide a preferred flow pathway.



Please feel free to contact me at (609) 633-7261 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gwen B. Zervas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Gwen B. Zervas, P.E.
Case Manager
Bureau of Case Management